

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1      **Claim 1 (original):** A trimmer comprising a cutting head having a guard housing a cutter means, a shaft for supporting the cutting head, roller means rotatably mounted with respect to the cutting head, and drive means for driving the cutter means, the roller means being located outside the guard on the drive means side thereof, the cutting head being connected to the shaft by connection means permitting the cutting head to be positioned with its cutter means either substantially horizontal or substantially vertical, the roller means being sized to contact the ground when the cutter means is substantially vertical and to circumscribe the axis of the drive means, the arrangement being such that the cutter means extends beyond the circumference of the roller means.
  
- 1      **Claim 2 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection means is constituted by a rotatable joint.
  
- 1      **Claim 3 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 2, wherein the rotatable joint is constituted by a ball-and-socket joint.
  
- 1      **Claim 4 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 3, wherein the ball is fixed to the cutting head by a neck portion, and the socket is defined by a generally spherical socket portion provided at one end of the shaft.
  
- 1      **Claim 5 (currently amended):** A trimmer as claimed in any one of claims 1 to claim 4, wherein the roller means is a wheel.

**Claims 6-18 (cancelled).**

1       **Claim 19 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 5, wherein the wheel is detachably mounted on  
2       the connection means.

1       **Claim 20 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the wheel is detachably mounted  
2       on the neck portion.

1       **Claim 21 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 20, wherein the wheel is formed with a break  
2       in its circumferential region, portions of said region adjacent to the break being formed with  
3       complementary, detachably-engagable connections.

1       **Claim 22 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 21, wherein the wheel has first and second  
2       generally semi-circular wheel members, first ends of which are pivotally connected together, the  
3       second ends of the wheel members being formed with complementary, detachably-engagable  
4       connectors.

1       **Claim 23 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 21, wherein the inner circumferential region of  
2       the wall and the neck portion are formed with complementary, interengagable location means.

1       **Claim 24 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 23, wherein the wheel is formed with an  
2       inwardly-projecting flange on its inner circumferential region, the flange being engagable within  
3       a complementary recess formed in the neck portion.

1       **Claim 25 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 4, wherein the drive means comprises a motor

2 and a drive shaft, the drive shaft passing through the roller means.

1       **Claim 26 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 25, wherein the cutter means is rotatable, and  
2       the drive engagement between the motor and the cutter means is a rotatable drive engagement.

1       **Claim 27 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 25, wherein the motor is an electric motor.

1       **Claim 28 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 27, wherein the motor is housed within the ball.

1       **Claim 29 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein a rotatable cutter line constitutes the  
2       cutter means.

1       **Claim 30 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the axis of rotation of the roller  
2       means is substantially coincident with the axis of rotation of the cutter means.

1       **Claim 31 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 30, wherein the radius of the roller means is of  
2       the order of, but slightly less than, the effective radius of the cutter means.